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NOTE ON THE RELATIONSHIP

OF

ROMEROLAGUS NELSONI, MERRIAM.

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[From a letter to Profesor A. L. Herrera].

Washington D. C., U. S. A.

Jan. 2, 1901.

I see in vol. XIV, nos. 9 & 10, page 380 (1899-1900), of the *Memo-
rias y Revista de la Sociedad Antonio Alzate*, that you consider the
genus described by Dr. Merriam as *Romerolagus* to be nothing more
than a *Lagomys*. This statement has also I believe been made in several
other publications. In order to show that this view is incorrect and
that in reality *Romerolagus* is more closely related to *Lepus* than to
Lagomys I enclose photographs showing upper and under views of
the skulls of the three genera named.

Nos 1 and 2 is the skull of *Lepus floridanus mallurus*, Thomas.

" 3 " 4 " " " " *Lagomys schisticeps*, Merriam.

" 5 " 6 " " " " *Romerolagus nelsoni*, Merriam.

By a careful comparison you will notice that the supra orbital processes,
the palatal bridge and the incisive foramen are quite similar in

Lepus and *Romerolagus* and differ very considerable in these characters from *Lagomys*. The skeleton also furnishes characters which separates *Romerolagus* from the *Lepus* and *Lagomys*.

E. W. NELSON.

NOTA.—Pueden consultarse los fundamentos de mi humilde opinión en el artículo especial titulado *Notas críticas acerca del Romeralagus Nelsoni*, en LA NATURALEZA; Serie 2^a, t. III, p. 34. (A. L. H.).

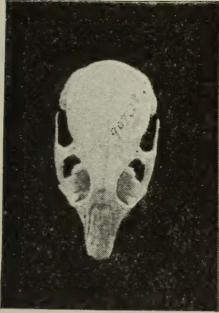
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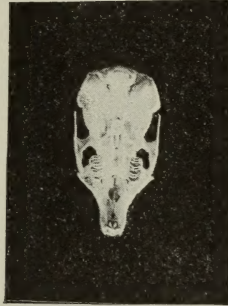
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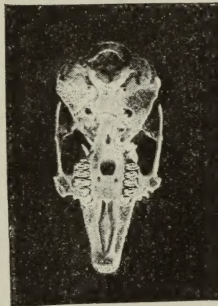
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